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8 **BEFORE THE**
 9 **MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**
 10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Petition for Interim
 Suspension Order Against:

12 **ALBERT SCHAEFER, M.D.,**
 13 1629 – 63rd Street
 Berkeley, CA 94703

14 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 149879

15 Respondent.

Case No. 800-2019-053713
 OAH No. 2021070838

INTERIM SUSPENSION ORDER
(Gov. Code §11529)

Date: August 25, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

ALJ: Hon. Jill Schlichtmann

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 19 The petition for interim suspension order brought by William Prasifka, Executive Director
 20 of the Medical Board of California, came on for a regularly noticed hearing at 9:00 a.m., on
 21 August 25, 2021, before the Office of Administrative Hearings, the Honorable Jill Schlichtmann,
 22 Presiding Administrative Law Judge presiding. Rob Bonta, Attorney General, by Deputy
 23 Attorney General Lawrence Mercer appeared for petitioner. Respondent Albert Schaefer, M.D.,
 24 appeared *in pro per*.

25 The Administrative Law Judge, having reviewed the petition, the affidavit of Laura Davies,
 26 M.D., report of psychiatric evaluation and police report submitted in support of the petition, and
 27 having duly considered opposition presented by the respondent, finds that respondent suffers from
 28 a mental illness or physical illness affecting competency and that permitting him to continued to

1 engage in the practice of medicine will endanger the public health safety or welfare. The
2 Administrative Law Judge further finds that petitioner is reasonably likely to prevail on the merits
3 of the Accusation and that the likelihood of injury to the public outweighs the likelihood of injury
4 to the respondent in issuing the order.

5 IT IS ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate no. C 149879 issued to Albert
6 Schaefer, M.D., is SUSPENDED pending a final decision on an Accusation to be filed in the time
7 and manner prescribed by Government Code § 11529. Respondent Albert Schaefer, M.D., shall
8 be and is hereby immediately restrained and prohibited from:

- 9 (a) Practicing or attempting to practice as, or representing himself to be, a
10 physician and surgeon;
11 (b) Possessing, prescribing, dispensing, furnishing, administering or otherwise
12 distributing any controlled substance as defined by Health and Safety Code sections 11150 et
13 seq., or any dangerous drug as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4022;
14 (c) Recommending or approving the use of medical marijuana;
15 (d) Possessing or holding his physician's and surgeon's wall and wallet certificates,
16 any and all prescription pads and blanks, Drug Enforcement Administration forms, and any and
17 all Drug and Enforcement Administration permits, which documents shall be surrendered by him
18 to the Medical Board pending adjudication of this matter.

19 IT IS SO ORDERED on this 25th day of August 2021.
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22 *Jill Schlichtmann*
23 JILL SCHLICHTMANN
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